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In re Patent Application of)
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Application No.: 09/671,670) Examiner: H. Ngo
Filed: September 28, 2000) Confirmation No. 7268
For: ELLIPSOIDAL POLARIZING)
PLATE COMPRISING TWO)
OPTICALLY ANISOTROPIC)
LAYERS AND POLARIZING)
MEMBRANE)

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 20, 2001, the period for reply to which has been extended by the concurrently filed Petition for Extension of Time, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Kindly replace the original Abstract of the Disclosure with the following:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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An ellipsoidal polarizing plate comprises two optically anisotropic layers, a polarizing membrane and a transparent protective film. Each of the optically anisotropic layers has a direction giving the maximum refractive index and a plane of the layer. The first optically anisotropic layer has an angle of 5° to 85° between the direction giving the

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